

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 887

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the bowling team of Hendersonville High School on capturing the 2004 TSSAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville Commandos achieved unmatched success during the 2004 season by winning the TSSAA State Bowling Championship; and

WHEREAS, this supreme achievement continued the program's remarkable history of success, as it was the school's third consecutive championship; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Keith Freemon stated, "Of the three championships, this one would have to be the sweetest, because nobody thought we could do it. When we saw the bracket, and two of the four teams on our side had beaten us, things didn't look good;" and

WHEREAS, after defeating Kirby decisively in the first round, Hendersonville had its first opportunity to avenge an earlier loss by striking back against Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, after dispatching Hardin County, the Commandos faced a tough quarterfinal match against their rival Beech, the team which accounted for three of Hendersonville's six defeats on the season; when it mattered most, the Hendersonville squad hit its mark and defeated Beech with room to spare; and

WHEREAS, with little time to celebrate, the Commandos maintained their focus, fully aware that two more teams stood between them and their ultimate goal; in the semifinals, they avenged yet another earlier loss by ending the season of LaVergne High School while earning a berth in the state title game; and

WHEREAS, a postseason of thrills was completed with an intense competition, and the clutch bowlers of Hendersonville prevailed with an advantage in total pinfall of 3,560 to 3,488; and

WHEREAS, the Commandos earned numerous awards during the season, and the greatest honor of all was the title of state champions; and

WHEREAS, the laudable young men who earned that honor were Hunter Pavlik, Robby Florence, Riley Fox, Rob Emrick, Greg Tieder, Derek Allen, Chris Moore, Devin Wilson, Michael Ditterline, Kyle Garza, and Phillip Ramirez; and

WHEREAS, their supreme success was precipitated by Head Coach Keith Freeman, who laid the groundwork for the championship season by sharing his substantial knowledge of bowling with the young men on the team with the able assistance of Bob Garza; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commando bowling team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the lanes while showing the highest degree of character in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Hendersonville Commandos for winning the 2004 TSSAA State Bowling Championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this Body joins the administration, faculty, students, and community of Hendersonville High School in congratulating the Commando coaches and players on their remarkable championship season and wish them every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy